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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL  
CINCEUR FOR POLAD

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR SEPTEMBER 29,  
1975:

Q. "AVIATION WEEK" TODAY SAYS THAT THE U.S. PLANS TO ASK  
CONGRESS FOR A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN MILITARY AID TO  
EGYPT. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT?

A. NO, I DO NOT. NO MORE THAN WHAT WAS SAID LAST WEEK,  
FRIDAY I BELIEVE, AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE MILITARY RELA-  
TIONSHIP WITH EGYPT.

Q. HAS BAHRAIN ASKED US TO REMOVE OUR SMALL DETACHMENT OF  
SHIPS FROM THE BASE THERE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

Q. IT WAS REPORTED LAST WEEK, AND I THINK THE QUESTION WAS  
RAISED HERE ON FRIDAY.

A. I DO NOT HAVE THE ANSWER YET. I WILL CHECK INTO IT.

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Q. DOES THE SECRETARY PLAN TO APPEAR THIS WEEK IN A  
PUBLPC HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF THE ASSURANCES OF THE  
AMERICAN TECHNICIANS?

A. I DO NOT KNOW THAT ANY APPEARANCE IS SCHEDULED AT THIS  
TIME. HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK THREE DAYS THIS WEEK.

Q. INCLUDING WEDNESDAY, BOB?

A. YES.

Q. IS THERE ANY CHANGE IN THAT SITUATION ON THE HILL?

A. NO. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR TALKS WITH THE CONGRESS TODAY.

Q. IS SISCO HERE, OR UP IN NEW YORK?

A. HE WAS HERE THIS MORNING, BUT I THINK HE IS PLANNING TO GO TO NEW YORK THIS AFTERNOON.

Q. HAS ANY CONCERN BEEN RECEIVED FROM EITHER EGYPT OR ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER PARTY ON THE DELAY IN THE APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICIANS?

A. NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT AVAILABLE ON THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT SADAT THAT HE WAS SECRETLY ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL LAUNCH DISCUSSIONS WITH SYRIA, AND ALSO THAT--WELL, THE OTHER PORTION OF HIS REMARKS?

A. WE ARE NOT GOING TO COMMENT DIRECTLY ON STATEMENTS MADE BY THE VARIOUS PARTIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. IN GENERAL, OUR AIM HAS BEEN TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM IN THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS.

NOW, ON THE QUESTION ON SYRIA, THE POSITION ON THAT IS AS STATED BY THE SECRETARY MOST RECENTLY IN NEW YORK IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE U.N. WE MADE CLEAR THAT WE ARE PRE-UNCLASSIFIED

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PARED TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL.

Q. DID YOU BEGIN THIS EFFORT?

A. YOU MEAN THE EFFORT FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

Q. NO, ON THE SYRIAN QUESTION.

A. I SAID WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT. IT IS UP TO THE PARTIES.

Q. DOES "PREPARED" MEAN THAT THE EFFORT HAS NOT IN FACT BEEN MADE YET?

A. IN AM NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A QUALITATIVE  
DEFINITION OF "EFFORT." OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH  
WITH THE PARTIES FOR A LONG TIME.

Q. HAVE YOU RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO  
THE PROPOSAL FOR AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE  
EAST?

A. NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF. NOT A DIRECT REPLY.

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